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## Council meeting ends on light note

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

New Brockton's Town Council meeting ended on a light note Monday evening when council members became involved in a discussion about whether or not to cut off a table.

The room in which the council is kept was recently renovated to provide office space for the council. After the renovation was completed, a work table would not fit back in the work room like it once had.

There was a brief discussion over whether or not the table should be modified, a new smaller table bought or the room re-arranged.

After council members surveyed the room, they decided to re-arrange the copier and table to fit.

Everyone, or at least the majority, was satisfied with the decision. This just goes to show that not all decisions town councils have to make are earth-shattering ones - some are just plain fun and insignificant!

Turning to more important matters, the council went through its meeting agenda in almost record time.

The payment of monthly bills totaling \$16,659.00 was approved. It was noted that \$11,873.00 of that total was the town's annual payment to the Workman's Compensation Fund.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his officers had investigated a total of 16 complaints, two traffic accidents, and had issued 12 citations.

The chief also reported that the

rescue squad had responded to 6 calls while the fire department was fortunate in having only one fire alarm during the past month.

Mayor Kathryn Holley presented to the council, for their approval, a roster for the volunteer police department reserve officers, fire department, and rescue squad membership.

"The League of Municipalities' insurance carrier requires the council to vote on the list so that it is current should there be any claims against the workman's comp," Mayor Holley explained to the council members.

The list of volunteers must be approved by the council and on file with the insurance carrier; otherwise, the volunteers will not be covered. The list was approved.

Mayor Holley announced that city hall would be closed Monday, Feb. 20, in observance of President's Day.

She also advised council members that she would be out of town Feb. 12th through the 17th, but that Mayor Pro-tem Robert Miles would be available should he be needed.

It was also noted by the mayor that she and Councilman Charles Cole would be attending a training seminar in Montgomery on Feb. 18th.

Councilman Cole advised the council that police officers Delaine Holway and Darrell Griswold had both completed their probationary period. He made the recommendation that they be hired permanently. The council approved.

Cole also presented the resignations of police officers Elliot King and Wesley Snodgrass to the council.

cil. They were both accepted.

Councilman Jack Caradine, who coordinated the town's recreation program, told the council members that they should begin looking for someone to help with the baseball program.

He stated that the baseball and softball programs are scheduled to begin on March 1st and some will be needed to get the field ready for play.

Caradine noted that in the past, Joe Simmons has been doing this at no charge to the city, but he will no longer be able to do so. The councilman suggested that Simmons be paid \$50 per week to perform this task from March 1 through mid-July.

"If you're going to have recreation," said Caradine, "you're going to have to put money into it."

After noting that if the city plans to pay someone to prepare the field, they will have to advertise the job or go through the employment office, the council voted to do so.

Caradine stated that he would draft a job description prior to the council's seeking applicants through the employment office.

Finally, the councilman suggested that markers (mounted in center of the roadway) be installed locating fire hydrants for the fire department.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the city would buy the markers with the fire department providing funding for half the cost. Fire Chief James Brown noted that approximately 150 markers would be required.

The meeting ended on a positive note when it was noted that the town, as a whole, is in great financial shape. At this time, the town is only \$31,000 in debt. Mayor Holley noted that this was the best record for operating capital when the present administration took office.

Other matters acted on by the council or discussed were as follows:

\*\*\* It was noted that the Water Board should pay the town clerk.

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## Former Elba resident dies in boating accident

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

A tragic boating accident Sunday afternoon took the life of a former Elba resident.

William Clifton Allen, age 53, lost his life after a boat in which he and his brother-in-law, Bob Newsome, were riding, capsized.

The two men had been fishing in Warren's Bayou (Hotwater Canal) near West Bay in Panama City, FL. They had headed in around 12 noon after the waters became rough.

Reportedly, as they made their way toward land, the 14 foot aluminum boat was suddenly swamped by waves and the boat capsized. Allen and Newsome were thrown from the boat.

Allegedly, both men managed to make their way to the capsized boat and cling to it. Newsome was wearing a lifejacket, but Allen was not. There were other jackets in a compartment on the boat.

As the men tried to make their way toward shore clinging to the boat, the boat became tangled in a crab trap.

Unable to free the boat, Newsome decided to try swimming for shore and get help while Allen remained with the boat.

It was reported that it took Newsome approximately 3 hours to get ashore and another two hours to get help. He eventually met someone with a mobile phone who in turn notified authorities of the accident.

When Newsome and authorities returned to the scene, the capsized boat had drifted ashore still tangled in the net, but Allen was nowhere around.

A search for Allen was begun and went on into the night but to no avail. Monday morning the search resumed with U.S. Coast Guard aircraft joining the search. Allen's body was sighted from the air quite some distance from where the boat was found.

An autopsy was to be performed on Tuesday in an attempt to determine the exact cause of death. It was believed that Allen could have died due to hypothermia rather than drowning.

Allen and his wife, Ann, resided at Bay Point in Panama City. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Allen resided at Route 1, Elba.

Bob Newsome is a resident of Enterprise, AL.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time and will be announced by Hayes Funeral Home.

## Elba Rescue Squad to hold fundraiser

The Elba Volunteer Rescue Squad is having their annual fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will be a picture drive. For your donation you will receive a FREE photo session as well as a FREE 10x13 color family portrait.

The Elba Rescue Squad is an organization composed of volunteers who are trained in Pre-Hospital Emergency Treatment. These individuals volunteer their services to you and your community without receiving any monetary pay. The squad must rely heavily upon community donations.

The funds raised from this campaign will be used toward improving education as well as providing the community with the latest "state of the art" medical equipment.

Starting February 6, a representative will be calling on area homes and businesses. The representatives will be asking for your support for the Elba Volunteer Rescue Squad. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

For answers to any questions you may have, feel free to contact Michelle Harrison at 897-3352 or Rob in Davis at 897-5883.

function in Coffee County," said Ken Smith, Farm-City Week Committee Chairman.

In 1988, between 200 and 400 individuals were fed. That number steadily increased annually and more than 1200 were fed in 1993.

Last year, the committee put a cap on the number (650) of meal tickets sold for the banquet in order to hold it to a more manageable number.

Entertainment has also become a big part of the banquet as well as special recognition of individuals from the world of business and farming.

The first Farm-City type celebration was held in 1978 when two men, Marthi Moates and Yancey Parker, recognized the need for interaction between farmers and business.

Farm-City Week is a time in which city dwellers become more acquainted with what goes on down on the farm and visa versa - the farmers become more familiar with the city folk.

The annual event is the one single event which involves ALL Coffee Countians from the youngest to the oldest.

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## \*\* HAPPENINGS \*\*

**V.O.C.A.L. MEETING.** The Wiregrass Chapter of V.O.C.A.L. (Victims Of Crime And Leniency) will hold their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 1995. The Meeting will be held at the Coffee County Baptist Association Office located on U. S. Hwy. 84 in New Brockton, Alabama starting at 7:00 p.m. All members and victims of crime are invited to attend. For more information call 897-6896.

**PEANUT PRODUCERS' MEETING.** The Alabama Peanut Producers' Association has scheduled their 1995 annual meeting for Friday, February 10, at the New Brockton Farm Center in New Brockton. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the educational program at 10:00 a.m.

**UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE RELOCATES.** The Alabama State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Office in Enterprise are relocating. The offices will be closed Thursday (today) and Friday, February 9 & 10 to make the move. They will reopen to the public on Monday, February 13, 1995 at their new location which is 2101 Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. The phone number will remain the same (334) 347-0044.

**WILD TURKEY BANQUET.** The Southeast Alabama Chapter, National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its seventh annual banquet and auction on Saturday night, March 4, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ft. Rucker Officers' Club. There will be numerous wildlife prints, collectors' items, hunting guns, turkey hunting items, some surprise auction items and duck prize drawings. For ticket information, contact Ted Vignola @ 897-5948, Jim Ellis @ 347-4289, Neal Adkison @ 347-3025, or Paul Young @ 347-6360.

## Governor James swears in 55 new state troopers

Alabama Governor Fob James, Jr. administered the oath-of-office to commission 55 new state troopers Friday, Feb. 3, during graduation ceremonies in Montgomery.

Gov. James joined Public Safety Director Col. Gene Mitchell and Assistant Director Lt. Col. Bob Eddy in welcoming the members of Trooper Training Class 94-A to the ranks of Alabama state troopers.

The governor extolled the valuable role the new troopers, as members of the Highway Patrol Division, will play in protecting the public's safety, and he challenged them to

commit themselves to the Department of Public Safety's mission of courtesy, service and protection. After reporting to state trooper posts throughout Alabama, the new troopers will begin an eight-week field training and evaluation program under the supervision of veteran state troopers.

Each of the new troopers completed 24 weeks of intensive training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma to prepare them for their first duty assignment in the Highway Patrol Division.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Census Bureau compiles enough information during the every 10 year census to keep the newspapers and magazines of America filled for the next ten years. News outlets get volumes of their info that just goes into the trash because it would be impossible to publish all of it. However some is interesting to readers of different publications and needs to be published. We like to read many of those statistical reports, even though most is promptly forgotten. The one recently released about "A Taste of the Big Apple - Housing in New York City" didn't make the evening reading list however... it was destined for the waste basket as it came off the fax machine.

All that above was triggered by some bits of information in an agriculture summary released by the Census Bureau Monday. This report ranks the various states in dollar value of agricultural production. It will not make any of us a nickel, but here it is anyway. Right here in Coffee County, peanuts and chickens give the county a pretty good ranking, but no where near the top. California leads all states with over \$17 billion in annual sales... a full ten percent of the nation's total production. Fruits and vegetables play a large part in this, but they also rank third nationally in cotton production. Texas sells the most cattle and the most cotton but Weld County, Colorado lead all individual counties in cattle sales with \$25,210 in 1992. One county in California - Fresno - produced over \$2 billion of farm products in a single year... that is a lot of lettuce (literally). Iowa lead in hog sales and Arkansas produced the most poultry. Cultman County, Alabama made the list of counties as the second largest producer of broilers, a good bit (60%) behind Sussex County, Delaware.

The tragic drowning death of 53 year old Cliff Allen at Panama City Sunday afternoon brings home an important point. Regardless of a person's swimming ability, etc., things can happen so fast, especially when on a boat in open water. Very few people who have spent much time on the water can say they haven't had some close calls. While we cry with the Allen family, we want to remind our readers to BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL.

The federal Budget amendment is coming... in some form. We saw some interesting numbers last week dealing with the federal budget. It is a fact that the United States government spends more than it takes in. The amazing thing is that the deficit is just about equal to the interest (the highest single item in the budget) paid on the borrowed money each year. In other words, if the feds did away with the national debt, spending could be at the same level it is today and there would be no overspending of income. Of course, anyone who has tried to get out of debt and stay out will testify that it is hard to do and takes more than a little self control.

The following arrests were made during the week: Five for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct, one for reckless endangerment, one for criminal mischief, one for harassment, two harassments, one DUI, and one criminal mischief.

We flopped on a picture recently... another in a long list during the past 35 years, but this one is especially bad. A young man killed his first deer, his friends rallied around him with all the proper initiation rites, there ain't a picture. Scott Cochran killed a big 12 point buck (the would be king exactly where) and was the envy of his peers as we went through the motions of making an after-dark photo. We equaled Scott's success... we killed the film!

We have a bit of advice for all of our male readers... don't dare forget that February 14th is Valentine's Day! The world is full of horror stories which unfolded after some absconded male postponed too long or completely forgot to produce some token of love for that special female(s) in his life.

### JUSTIN LOWRY PASSES AWAY

Justin Lowry, age 11, died quietly at his home Tuesday evening after a lengthy illness. Justin had become known both far and wide for the strength and courage that he displayed during his trying times. He made friends with everybody he met and won their hearts and admiration in a very short time. Although Justin was in this world for only 11 years, he touched many, many lives and his being here made it a better place. Justin was the son of B. Frank and Chris Lowry. He had one brother, Toby.

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### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the period of January 31, 1995 through February 6, 1995.

They were: Hayward Nelson, Marvis Beckwith, Cody Spurlin, Eddie Dismore, Gerald Mauldin, Marvin Parker, Essie Mae Baldwin, Nina Williams, Betty Mulkey, Janet Cardine, Daniel Kidd, Margaret Cooper, Rosetta King, Beris Johnson, Albert Martin, Zenobia O'Flinn, Joe Frank Goodson, Mary Messick Kidd, Patricia Parrish, Christopher McDonald, Lillie Hudson, Laquinta S. Reed, and Gladys C. Brooks.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Antoinette Knight, Gerald Mauldin, Chris Danley, Cody Spurlin, Marvin Parker, Junior I. Crocker, Eddie Dismore, Annis T. Wallace, Gladys Clark, Nina Williams, Margaret Cooper, Nicole Jernigan, Essie Baldwin, and Daniel Kidd.

### ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 31 Thru FEBRUARY 6, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 31, 1995, investigated the following incidents: accidental cutting, possession of a forged instrument, two burglaries, four thefts, two failures to appear, one forgery, one harassing communication, two harassments, one DUI, and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made during the week: Five for failure to appear, one for disorderly conduct, one for reckless endangerment, one for criminal mischief, one for harassment, one for assault, and one for VPL.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for driving without a driver's license, two DUIs, one for speeding, and one for expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 - River stage 7.95 feet (7:15 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. (3:01 p.m.); Alarm at Ace Hardware (5:46 p.m.); Prowler reported on Wayne St. (10:29 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - Rescue run to a residence on Ann St. (12:34 a.m.); River stage - 7.60 feet (7:22 a.m.); Woods fire at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84W and AL Hwy. 141 (3:25 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Brunson St. (7:56 p.m.).

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether our coverage of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

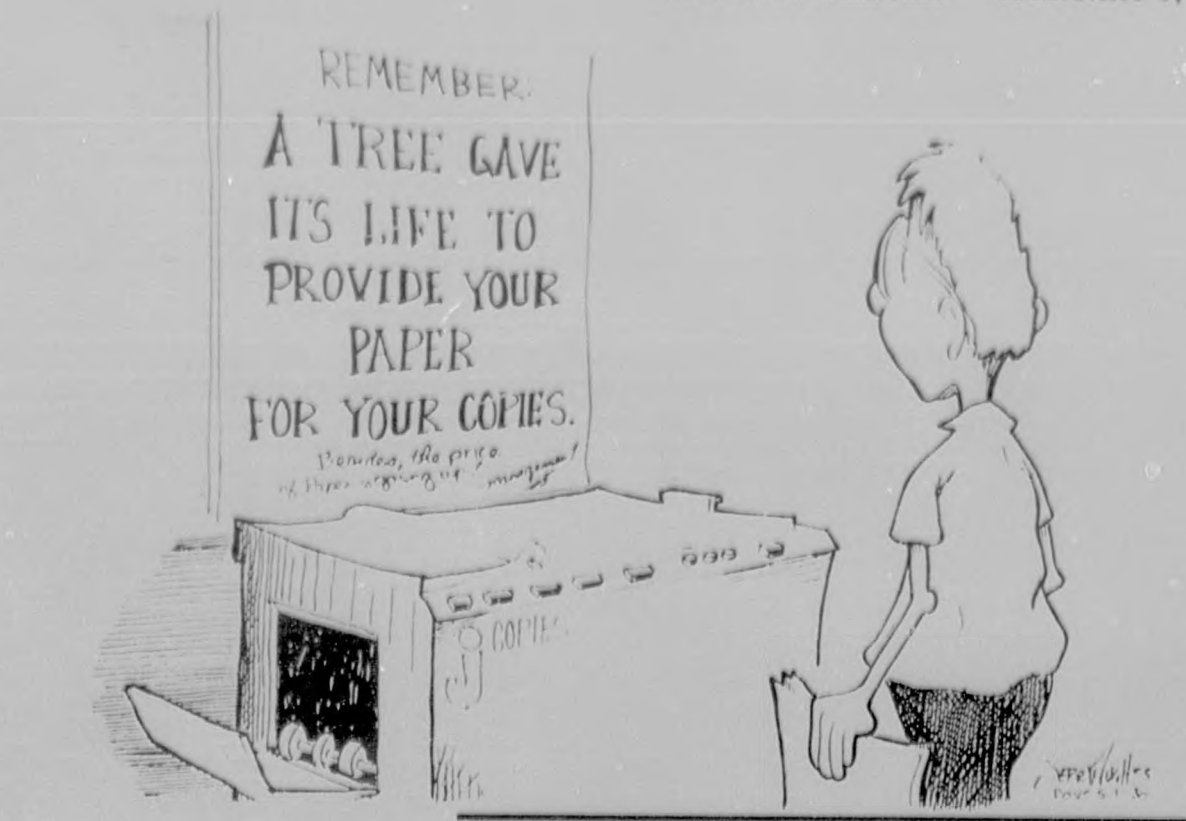
In the news article entitled "Criminal Jury docket set for Feb. 13" in the February 2 edition of The Elba Clipper, it was reported that Kelley Jerome Carnley was charged with sexual abuse in the first degree, this was in error. Carnley is charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree. We regret this error and apologize for any inconvenience that it may have caused.

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 a.m. - Senior Citizens Center.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supri Office.  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.  
MANAGERS LODGE #176 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School.  
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### FROM THE HOUSE



Congressman  
Terry Everett

### It's Washington's Turn To Pick Up The Tab

It didn't garner the headlines last week like the passage of the federal balanced budget amendment, but I assure you that the passage of the unfunded mandates bill will have nearly equal impact on your future.

By a vote of 360 to 74 (all 230 Republicans and 130 Democrats supporting), HR 5, or the Federal Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, passed the U.S. House of Representatives last Wednesday.

Strongly supported by the nation's governors and many other local officials, the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act is a key part of the Republican "Contract with America."

To put it simply, state and local governments have been under federal assault for decades and, you the taxpayer, have been the big loser.

Unfunded federal mandates are the result of legislation passed into law which impose requirements and regulations upon states and local government without the funding to implement the programs.

By requiring various unfunded activities of state and local governments, Congress has imposed crippling obligations which must be obeyed.

For many communities the results of such unfunded mandates have been devastating. They have to raise taxes and cut services, diverting scarce resources away from the needs of local citizens, to satisfy the whims of Washington policy bureaucrats.

Unfunded mandates cost states as much as \$500 billion a year. State and local spending on mandatory federal programs has increased from 30 percent in 1960 to over 50 percent now.

With over half of their budgets eaten up by unfunded federal man-

dates, state and local governments are having a difficult time funding their most basic needs, including the police force, the fire department, and education.

Just who gets stuck in the end? You do. With nowhere to turn, state and local governments are literally forced to pass along the costs of these unfunded mandates to you, or else curtail badly needed services. Either way, you lose.

The Federal Unfunded Mandates Reform Act puts in place several hurdles on congressional attempts to legislate unfunded mandates on state and local governments.

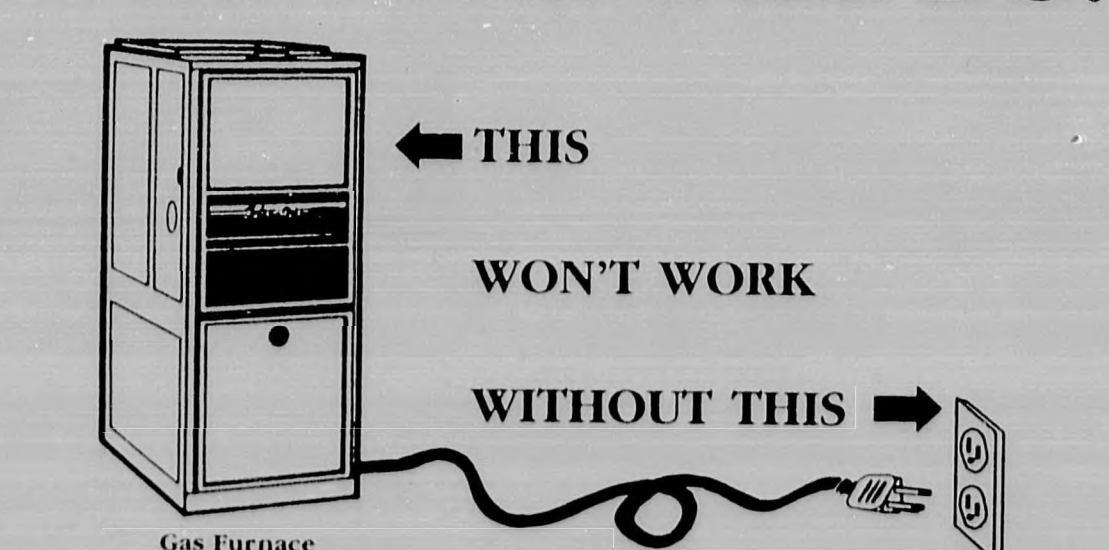
Specifically, it restricts the passing of federal unfunded mandates by calling for a review of all existing mandates; requires federal agencies to develop ways to minimize unfunded mandates and to publish a cost study of any new regulations expected to cost states, localities, and the private sector more than a total of \$100 million a year; and it requires the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to prepare cost estimates of proposed mandates in upcoming legislation and whether they are funded or not.

The bottom line is for Congress and the American people to have full knowledge of what costs will be involved for state and local governments to comply with legislation like the Brady bill, the Clean Air Act, Superfund, and others.

The Federal Unfunded Mandates Act now goes to conference with the Senate where a similar version passed on January 27th.

Hopefully, swift final passage will be forthcoming. States, local governments, and the taxpayers should breathe a little easier when it does.

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## OBITUARIES

### EULA MAE PRESCOTT

Eula Mae Prescott, age 90 of Jay, Florida, died Tuesday, January 31, 1995 in a Florida hospital.

Mrs. Prescott was a native of Elba, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 3, 1995 from the Jay Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frankie Bell and Rev. Raymond Wiggins officiating.

Burial followed in the Hollandtown Holiness Church Cemetery with Jay Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sally P. and Jerry Mitchell of Montgomery, AL; three sons and daughters-in-law, John Hansel and Dorothy Prescott, Herman Waldon and Maggie Prescott, and William Hayward and Nancy Prescott, all of Jay, FL; a sister and brother-in-law, Clyde and Ocie Daugherty of Elba, AL; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren.

Active pallbearers were Rufus Godwin, Ricky Godwin, Donald Givins, Butch Wells, Mike Nevels, and Obie Nevels.

Honorary pallbearers were Rube Smith, Rex Wayne Smith, Willie D. Smith, Clyde Smith, Sam Godwin, Bubba Pittman, Roland Reeves, Billy Hill, Jimmie Joe Rhineholt, Dr. Bascom C. Roney, Carlos Givins, and Fred Sasser.

### REV. DANIEL BUNION KIDD

Rev. Daniel Bunion Kidd, age 91 of Brantley, Alabama, died Sunday, February 5, 1995 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 1995 from the First Assembly of God Church, Elba, AL, with Rev. Billy Redd officiating.

Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Alice Kidd of Brantley, AL; a son and daughter-in-law, Clarnon and Gladys Kidd of Plant City, Florida; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alton and Debra Harris of Elba, AL and Bill and Jean Campbell of Montgomery, AL; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

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## Ken Farris appointed to Board of Directors at CB&T

Mr. Lamar Loftin, President of Community Bank and Trust has announced that Mr. Ken Farris, Senior Vice President, has been named to the Board of Directors. Mr. Farris began his banking career in 1967 after graduation from Elba High School. He attended ESIC and has successfully completed the curriculum of the Alabama Banking School at the University of South Alabama. Mr. Farris joined CB&T, formerly Coffee County Bank, in 1979 as Vice President. He has served as a member of the Independent Community Bankers' Association of Alabama and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wiregrass Chapter of Bank Administration Institute.

"Ken has been a driving force in the planning and operation of the bank and we are extremely pleased to have him as a member of our Board of Directors," said Mr. Lamar Loftin, President of Community Bank and Trust.

Mr. Farris is a member of the Lee Street Baptist Church and is active in the Coffee Baptist Association as a member of the Mission Development Council and as Treasurer of the Coffee Baptist Vineyard. Mr. Farris' current civic activities include: member of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce as Second Vice President, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and a member of the Citizens Interaction Committee, member of the Coffee County Advisory Board of the Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (OBS) program of the Department of Human Resources, member of the Enterprise Lions Club as Sight Chairman, member of the Advisory Committee of Workplace 2000 job literacy program, president of the Pineola PTO, and member of AUSA.

Ken Farris and his wife, Cathy



Mr. Ken Farris

Knight Farris, have two children, Traci, 14, and Todd, 19.

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## SOCIALS

### Mrs. Jeffery Maddox honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Mrs. Jeffery Scott Maddox, the former Leigh Ann Jones, was honored on Saturday, January 14, 1995 with a miscellaneous shower at the state home of Mrs. Marie Lindsey on Highland Drive. Plaid bows like those used in Leigh Ann's wedding were placed on the entry doors and staircase in the Lindsey home. These were in colors of deep red, green, black, and metallic gold.

Guests called between the hours of two o'clock and half past three and were registered by Mrs. Lisa Lindsey McClung. Mrs. Marie Lindsey presented the guests to the receiving line composed of the bride, her mother, Mrs. Jo Anne Jones, her grandmothers, Mrs. Ann Morrow and Mrs. Lucille Jones, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Ellen Fortenberry. Mrs. Maddox chose a deep red and green plaid dress with a gored skirt and a sailor collar for this special occasion.

The dining table, covered with a Battenberg cloth, held a variety of delicious party foods for the guests to choose from. Punch was served by Miss Melissa Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Amy Driggers, cousin of the bride.

Hostesses were Mrs. Vivian Lee, Mrs. Pam Smith, Mrs. Jan Smith, Mrs. Susan Nunn, Mrs. Sammie Creel, Mrs. Lisa McClung, and Mrs. Marie Lindsey. They presented the bride with a vacuum cleaner for her new home.



Those pictured, from left to right, are: Mrs. Lucille Jones, Mrs. Ann Morrow, Mrs. Jo Anne Jones, Mrs. Leigh Maddox, Mrs. Ellen Fortenberry, and Mrs. Marie Lindsey.

### Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds February meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met February 2, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Ann Miles with Mrs. June Thompson as co-hostess. A delicious plate of refreshments was served to 14 members.

Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, president, called the meeting to order and led

the members in reading of the Gardeners' Creed. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Catherine Spurlin gave a most interesting program on "The role a Grandmother should play." She shared with the members some thought-provoking facts. The world shared by a grandmother and a grandchild is always filled with wonderful moments and special memories. A grandmother's special gift is a bridge to the past. The role of a grandmother is varied, but Mrs. Spurlin summarized in one quotation, "A grandmother is to laugh a lot, know when to talk, and when to listen, and let them know you love them."

Those attending were: Mrs. Helen Bruckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Mavis Hataway, Mrs. Joan Jacobs, Mrs. Al-line Lee, Mrs. Addie Belle Martin, Mrs. Lurline Martin, Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Addie Newman, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers, Mrs. Catherine Spurlin, Mrs. June Thompson, and Mrs. Irma Warr.

The Three-In-One Study Club met on February 2 at the Elba City Library. Mrs. Buck Smart served as hostess. Refreshments were served to members and a guest.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Pauline Allen, Mrs. Harley Hasty presided. She introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Doris Cooper, who gave a delightful description of her numerous trips made on Amtrak Rail Passenger Trains. Colorful accounts of her stop-overs and scenes as viewed from the observation cars were interesting and educational.

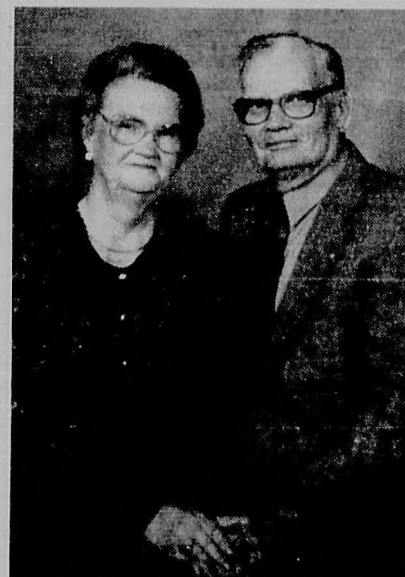
The Club Collect was led by Mrs. Jim Williams. Mrs. Corine Miles gave a short history of Saint Valentine and read a beautiful valentine.

Those attending were: Mrs. S.F. Conley, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Edward Hudson, Mrs. Donald Lee, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Conway Lowery, Mrs. Wilson Newman, Mrs. Buck Smart, Mrs. E.M. Warr, Mrs. Jim Williams, and a guest speaker, Mrs. Doris Cooper.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Drewery honored their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1994 at the home of their daughter, Rhonda Jewell, in Dothan, AL.

The decorations were in keeping with the Holiday Season as bouquets of evergreen, gold bows, and white candles were placed throughout the home and on the table.

Special gifts were given to the couple by family members and the poem "We've Laughed and Loved Together" was read in their honor. Mr. & Mrs. Drewery were married December 24, 1944. They have three children: Carl Drewery of Ila, GA, Rhonda Jewell of Dothan, AL, and John Drewery of Elba, AL. They have been blessed with five grandchildren.



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### Wiregrass Sergeant Major Association to hold meeting/dinner

The Wiregrass Sergeants Major Association will hold their March Meeting/Dinner on March 4, 1995 in the NCO Club Gold Room at Fort Rucker. The dinner begins at 6:00 with the meeting to follow. The menu includes sliced roast beef, baked chicken, baked flounder, vegetable tray, corn o'brian, green beans, creamed and oven browned potatoes, peach cobbler and chocolate pudding. Costs will be \$11.50 for each adult and \$5.00 for children over 10 years of age. New members are welcome. Call Paul Tobin at 598-1992 or Fred Stevens at 347-3122 (evenings) or 255-5076 (day time) for reservations. Please call no later than February 27, 1995 to make your reservation.

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### Round About With Eria - 897-6006

Selected scripture: Psalm 141:6. Thinking of you, praying for you. The Coon family, the Cook family, Mrs. Evelyn Guley, Mrs. Jamia Brooks, Rev. John L. Grayer, Rev. Charlie Jones, Mr. John E. (Ben) Folmar, Mrs. Ella M. Brooks.

#### Family Day Program

The Family Day Program of Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton, AL, will be held Sunday, February 12, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Murry Powell is pastor.

The introduction of the speaker will be by Sis. Gracie Smith. The speaker will be Sis. Gladys Yelverton, with the sermon being given by Rev. Powell.



Mrs. Nehata Gavin

### Mrs. Nehata Gavin recipient of the Martin Luther King Service Award

On Sunday, January 15, 1995, the annual city wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration was held at Johns Chapel AME Church in Enterprise, AL. The Community Awareness Organization presented Mrs. Nehata Gavin with the 1995 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award."

The night was very emotional, because the opportunity to commemorate the life and mourn the death of one of our nation's greatest heroes - a man who paid the greatest sacrifice - a man who showed the whole world the greatest act of love - that man, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was also emotional because for the first time in the history of the celebration, the 1995 "Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award" was presented to a female.

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Views from....

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have gotten used to Melissa being 11-years-old and have to admit that 11 is still pretty young; however, Melanie turned six on Saturday, and her turning six bothered me more than any recent birthdays I can remember. Melanie still crawls in the bed with us a couple of nights a week, still lies on top of me on the sofa and watches TV, and still wants to go everywhere I go. I know that all of that won't stop just because she turned six, but the years are adding up, and before long Melanie will be like her older sister and I'll have to beg her to go with me to a game, or to the store. Can't I slow everything down, just a little?

### TIGERS FIND OUT THAT HISTORY DOES REPEAT ITSELF

If the Elba Tigers had been paying close attention Friday night in Opp they would have learned that no game is over until the final horn sounds, and that basketball games last four quarters, and what happens in the first two is no more important than what happens in the last two. I bet they know it now.

The Elba Tigers bolted out to a 24-4 first quarter lead and led by 21 points at the half Saturday night against Samson, but watched as the visitors came storming back and handed Elba a stunning seven-point defeat, in Elba. The Tigers looked like a team determined to make someone pay for the upset loss at Opp the night before and totally dominated Samson for two and a half quarters, then decided the game was won, and by the time they realized it wasn't, Samson had rallied and pulled out the win. It was the type of win that should give Samson a lot of confidence heading into the playoffs, and it should also help the Tigers. Elba's players now know that they aren't good enough to just play two of three quarters and win, and maybe when the post-season tournament starts, the Tigers will give it all they've got all four quarters, and move on to the Regionals.

The Saturday night comeback was almost a duplicate of what Elba did Friday night, as the Tigers fell behind Opp and trailed by 21 points late in the third quarter, only to rally and cut the lead to just one point before falling. The comeback should have let the Tigers know anything was possible, but then again, sometimes you have to learn the hard way.

With only top-ranked Andalusia left on the schedule, it looks like Elba will carry a 5-10 record, and three game losing streak into next week's Section Tournament. Elba is still just as good as it was last weekend after it defeated 6A Enterprise and can still win some games and make it to the Regionals.

### AREA TEAMS ALL HAVE CHANCE AT MOVING ON

With three county teams in one Section tournament and Brantley being forced to move its tournament to Red Level, it may sound odd when I predict that any of the four teams in the coverage area have honest chances at moving on to the Regional level of play. Here's why I think so...

**\*BRANTLEY (17-5)** has played like a team with a mission in recent weeks and the Bulldogs are determined to get back to the Regionals and as talented as the teams that brought home state crowns in '93 and '94 in Class 1A, but the current edition of the Bulldogs are determined and are now playing like they want it all. Brantley is in the bracket with winless Highland Home, and two lesser opponents in Straughn and Florida, making the Bulldogs' trip to Bay Minette look almost like a sure thing!

**\*NEW BROCKTON (14-6)** has been up-and-down all season, but if the Gamecocks play four solid quarters they can play with, and defeat, just about anybody they meet. The Gamecocks have skilled players inside and out, have strong rebounders and outstanding shooting from behind the three-point arc. The only thing missing has been the consistency that is so important when tournaments start and one loss can mean the end of the season. With what will be a fired-up army of Rebels from Zion Chapel, and the highly-rated St. Jude Pirates both standing in their way, the Gamecocks will have to play four of their best quarters in both games to have a chance at advancing.

**\*ZION CHAPEL (7-11)** has found out how much fun it is to win and the Rebels are really having fun in recent weeks and have begun piling up the wins. Zion Chapel has quality players in Napoleon Smith and Joey Herbert, and a three-point threat in Shane Bragg, and with the confidence level at an all-time high, these Rebels may just be convinced they can make it to Regionals. The Rebels will have to play their best to get past New Brockton and St. Jude, but there will be no pressure on the Rebels as no one expects them to win either game. These guys could make it interesting.

**\*KINSTON (7-15)** has struggled all season and will have nothing to lose when they head up to Montgomery for the Section tournament. The Bulldogs' record may not shine, however, the Bulldogs have shown they can play with any team on any given night and have come close to knocking off New Brockton at the Gamecocks' own gym. Kinston is much better than many people think and the Bulldogs will be playing for fun in next week's event, with no pressure at all to win. St. Jude will be looking to "bust the clock" against the Bulldogs, but if Kinston plays its game, it could be a lot closer than you'd think.

### NEW SECTION TOURNAMENTS FAR FROM PERFECT

The Alabama High School Athletic Association changed the format of the basketball playoffs back in the spring, and with the playoffs less than a week away, there are still plenty of bugs in the new and supposedly improved system. There are some "Sections," like the one Elba is in, that doesn't really cause any hardships on anybody; however, Kinston, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Arton, G.W. Long, Houston Academy and Coffee Springs must make the long trip to Montgomery next week because St. Jude had the best record among the teams in Class 1A, Section 3, and got to host the tournament. St. Jude does have a 20-4 record and has an excellent team, but the Pirates didn't play any of the teams in Section 3, with the exception of Montgomery County, and their record really means nothing as far as seeding should be concerned. Next year the teams in the Sections will have to schedule each other, and while that will make it easier to seed teams, it will just mean more travel for teams that can't afford it (least small schools). Now, let's look at Class 2A, Section 2, where Brantley, Highland Home, Straughn, Florida, Goshen, Georgiana, Red Level and Samson are competing for two spots in the "Regional" tournament. The schools are close enough as far as the Section is concerned, but the two winners will then have to travel to Bay Minette's Faulkner State Community College, in Bay Minette, to compete in the Regionals. All of the schools in the Section are within an hour of Troy State, but must instead head south, as the schools and their fans will have to spend a lot

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# Sports

## Elba drops to 5-8 on season with loss

### Late rally falls short in 74-71 loss



Elba's Alfred Purvis (40) dribbles between the legs during a recent Tiger win. Purvis scored 32 points in two games last week, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers dropped both games.

## Elba blows 21-point lead in 75-68 defeat to Samson

The Elba Tigers blew a 21-point halftime lead Saturday night as the Samson Tigers staged a frantic second half rally to pull out a 75-68 win, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-9, while Samson improved to 14-4 with the win.

The game got off to a slow start as Elba owned a slim 7-2 lead with only 3:34 left in the opening stanza; however, the Tigers used their quickness on both ends of the court and the scoring punch of Alfred Purvis and Leray Smedley to close the stanza with a 17-2 run and by the end of the quarter was in complete command 24-4.

The duo of Purvis and Smedley remained hot in the second quarter as the Tigers increased their lead to 41-20 at the half and appeared on their way to claiming a big win.

The teams swapped buckets early in the third quarter and Elba was still in command with a 52-32 lead with 3:51 left in the stanza, but this time it was Samson that closed with a rush as the visitors closed the quarter with a 16-3 sprint that narrowed the Elba lead to 55-48.

Samson continued its assault against the Tigers in the fourth quarter and Elba finally broke under the relentless pressure, as Samson poured in 27 points in the final

stanza to claim the 75-68 win. Alfred Purvis scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Shandez Daniels added 13, Brian Rowe 12 and Leray Smedley 11. Jarrett led Samson with 19 points.

S 4 16 28 27 - 75  
E 24 17 14 13 - 68

Samson (75): Cantelope 2, Jarrett 19, Farris 2, Bess 12, Nunn 14, Mock 8, Donaldson 4, Rials 13. Elba (68): Smedley 11, Tyson 2, Daniels 13, Howe 9, Rowe 12, Purvis 21.

### (B GAME)

The Elba B team claimed its second straight win by clubbing Samson 50-43.

Elba owned a slim 12-10 lead after one quarter and led only 34-33 after three quarters of play, but rallied late to post the win.

Sterling Jones scored 22 points to lead Elba, while Finch led Samson with 11.

Elba (50): Marsh 7, Daniels 4, Jones 22, Reed 5, Silar 2, Tillis 4, Peterson 6.

Samson (43): Davis 2, Kyles 8, Davis 4, Phillips 6, J. Davis 2, Jones 2, Finch 11, Kelley 8.

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The Elba Tigers poured in 34 points during a furious fourth quarter rally, but saw the last-second heroics fall short Friday night as the Opp Bobcats upset the Tigers 74-71, in Opp.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 5-8, while Opp improved to 5-15 with the win.

The two rivals swapped baskets early in the game and the score was knotted at 2-2 after a lay-up by Cory Howe with 6:42 left in the first quarter; however, Opp reeled off the next 13 points and opened up a 15-2 advantage with 1:55 remaining in the stanza.

The Bobcats carried a lopsided 17-5 lead into the second quarter and picked up where they left off as they opened the stanza with an 8-5 run to stretch their lead to 25-10 with 5:18 left in the half.

A three-point and a driving lay-up by Shandez Daniels cut the deficit to 25-15 with 4:22 left in the period, but Opp remained in command and by the end of the half owned a big 36-21 lead.

Brian Rowe and Cory Howe scored two quick buckets to open the third quarter as Elba cut the Opp lead to 36-25. The rally was short-lived, however, as Opp went on a 10-0 run over a four-minute span to open up a whopping 46-25 advantage with 2:44 still left in the quarter.

The Tigers tried to answer the Bobcat explosion and went on a 10-0 run of their own, and keyed by three-pointers by Shandez Daniels and Leray Smedley, pulled within 46-35 with 1:35 remaining in the third quarter.

Opp rallied late to carry a 51-37 lead into the final stanza, and seemed in control as the Bobcats owned a 62-47 lead with just 4:52 left on the clock.

Alfred Purvis scored six points during an 8-0 Elba run that cut the Opp lead to 62-55 with 3:08 left in the game, and when Leray Smedley drilled a long three-pointer with 1:47 left, the Tigers were within 66-64.

The Tigers got as close as 69-68 with :49 left, but Opp hit four straight free-throws during a critical six-second span, and held on to claim the wild 74-71 win.

Leray Smedley scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Shandez Daniels added 13, Cory Howe 12 and Alfred Purvis 11. Lorenzo Edwards scored 28 points to lead Opp and Jay Jackson added 19.

The game was marred by a total of 74 free-throws, with Elba hitting on 16 of 29 opportunities and Opp connecting on 26 of 45 chances from the foul line.

O 17 19 15 23 - 74  
E 5 16 16 34 - 71

Opp (74): Jackson 19, Jones 5, Poseok 9, Black 5, Norris 2, Henderson 2, T. Norris 2, Edwards 28. Elba (71): Smedley 20, Ordon 2, Tyson 4, Daniels 13, Howe 12, Rowe 4, Purvis 11, Williams 4.

### (B GAME)

The Elba B team tasted victory for only the second time this season as the Tigers pounded Opp 48-29.

Elba jumped out to a big 17-4 first quarter lead and never looked back to claim the lopsided win.

Derrick Daniels and Mike Reed both scored 10 points to lead Elba. Elba (48): Marsh 4, Daniels 10, Jones 4, Johnson 1, Glover 2, Reed 10, Silar 9, Tillis 2, Peterson 6.

Opp (29): Pyron 3, Burgess 5, Jewell 3, Yelland 5, Stoudemire 7, Stanley 6.



Elba Tiger cheerleaders Melissa Benbow (front) and Emily Crowe (back) lead the fans in a cheer during a recent Elba win. The Tigers will host the Section 3 tourney next week.

## Mark Thomas Fireball 5000 set for Feb.25 in Daleville

The Daleville Chamber of Commerce will host the "Mark Thomas Fireball 5000" on Saturday, Feb.25, in Daleville. There will be a 5000M run and a one mile fun run, with registration to be held at the Billy Adkins Community Center.

Registration for the 5000M run will be \$10 the day of the run, or \$8 for entries received prior to Feb.22. The fee for the fun run will be \$6.

Tank tops will be presented to all paid entrants in the 5000M run, with jackets to the male and female winners in overall, and the top three in 0-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

For more information, contact Dale Thomas 334-347-4573.

## Elba Umpires Association to hold organizational meeting on Feb.19

The Elba Umpires Association will hold its 1995 organizational meeting on Sunday, Feb.19, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elba Public Library. Any men or women interested in

umpiring youth baseball and softball in Elba this summer should attend this important meeting. For information, call Ricky Mularz at 897-2671.

## AHSAA passes out fines & penalties at recent meeting

The Alabama High School Athletic Association released its December-January "Bulletin" recently and reported that nine member schools had been fined and placed on probation for various violations.

Geneva County High School and Samson High School were both fined \$250 and placed on probation for one year because of an unsportsmanlike incident during their Oct.21 football game.

\*Wetumpka High School - \$250 because its entire bench emptied onto the field in the above mentioned incident.

\*Corner Hill School - \$250 and forfeiture of games for using an ineligible player in two girls basketball games.

\*Parker High School - \$250 and forfeiture of games for using an ineligible player in violation of transfer rule.

\*Auburn High School - \$150 and forfeiture of games for using an ineligible player on its junior high basketball team.

\*Arab Junior High School - \$150 for failing to use proper procedure in reporting the eligibility of three junior high wrestlers.

The A.H.S.A.A. also announced disciplinary action against a member of the Gadsden Basketball Officials Association; a member of the Northeast Alabama Basketball Officials Association; the booking agent and members of a chain crew of the Northeast Football Officials Association; four members of the Mid-State Football Officials Association; and three members of the Mountain Valley Basketball Officials Association.

\*Sweet Water High School - \$150 and forfeiture of games for using an ineligible player in junior high football.

\*Stanhope Elmore High School

## Sites & dates set for clinics & softball umpires exams

ASA District 7 Umpire-In-Chief Tom Woods has announced that the sites and dates of the 1995 rules clinics and umpire exams have been set.

The sites and dates are as follows:

\*Dothan - March 4...A rules clinic will be held and the 1995 umpires exam will be given at Westgate Recreation Center, in Dothan. Entry fee is \$2 and a fee will be charged for the test. Time - 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Anyone needing additional information should contact Tom Woods at (334) 793-2561 (h) or (334) 793-0074 (w).

\*Troy - March 11...A rules clinic will be held and the 1995 um-

## Salter pours in 25 points to grab youth cage spotlight

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its "Youth Basketball League" last week with the Bulls moving into a first place tie with the Timberwolves in the 10 & Under Division, and the Hawks pulling into a first place tie with the Sonics in the 12 & Under Division.

The Bulls and Timberwolves are knotted atop the 10 & Under standings with identical 4-1 records, followed by the Lakers 2-3, Suns 1-3 and Spurs 1-4.

The Hawks and Sonics both own 2-2 records and are tied atop the 12 & Under standings.

Following are highlights of last weekend's action:

**BULLS 27 SPURS 24**  
The Bulls pulled out to a 15-6 halftime lead and held on late to edge the Spurs 27-24.

Scoring for the Bulls were Terence Kyles 17, Dominique Miller 4, Lance Cross 4 and Josh Falls 2. Scoring for the Spurs were Colby Skinner 11, Avrian Stoudemire 11 and Will Farris 2.

**T'WOLVES 17 LAKERS 14**  
The Timberwolves cruised out to a big 12-5 halftime lead and then held on to clip the Lakers 17-14.

Scoring for the T'wolves were Michael Bryan 8, Adam Frederick 7 and Bart Barnes 2. Scoring for the Lakers were Eric Williams 6, Matthew Curran 4, Evan Maddox 3 and Justin Allen 1.

**BULLS 27 SUNS 13**  
The Bulls led all the way to crunch the Suns 27-13.

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## ROUNDBALL ROUND-UP

### Zion Chapel clubs McKenzie 50-36

The Zion Chapel Rebels got back on the winning track last Friday night with a 50-36 win over the McKenzie Tigers, at Zion Chapel.

Napoleon Smith scored 17 points to lead the (5-10) Rebels, while Joey Herbert added 10. Shannon Shufford led McKenzie with 10 points.

Toby Bragg poured in 20 points to lead the Zion Chapel B team to a thrilling 51-50 win over McKenzie, in preliminary action.

### Brantley Bulldogs rip Goshen 63-49

The second-ranked Brantley Bulldogs and sixth-ranked Goshen Eagles locked up in a 2A battle last Monday night and when the final horn sounded it was the Bulldogs that had claimed the 63-49 win.

Adrian Person scored 17 points to lead the (16-5) Bulldogs, while Ivan Christen added 13. Eric Crenshaw 11 and Jimmy Burnett 10. Daryl Stough led the (13-6) Eagles with 12 points.

### New Brockton spunks McKenzie 61-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks spotted the McKenzie Tigers an early 19-2 lead and then came roaring back to spank the Tigers 61-44, in McKenzie.



## Boys' and girls' teams to compete

## Elba to host Class 3A, Section 3 tourney

The Elba High School gym will be the place to be next week for area 3A basketball fans as the Elba Tigers host the Class 3A, Section 3, basketball tournament for both boys and girls.

The Boys' Division will begin play on Tuesday night, Feb. 14, when the Rehobeth Rebels meet the Laverne Tigers, at 6:30, while Elba will swing into action at 8:00 when the Tigers host the Slocomb Red Tops. Louisville will meet the Rehobeth-Laverne winner on Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:00, and on Friday night

at 7:30, the winner of the Elba-Slocomb contest will tangle with the Houston County Lions.

The winners of Friday's games will both advance to the Southeast Regionals, set for Troy State.

The Louisville Red Devils, the state's #2 ranked team in 3A, are a heavy favorite heading into the event and have been one of the top teams in South Alabama regardless of classification. The Devils should win over 6A teams Dothan, Ozark and Enterprise, and are considered a threat for the state title.

While Houston County is the #2 seed in the six-team tourney, the Lions have been a hot-and-cold team this season and are not a heavy favorite. The Lions have shown plenty of offensive punch at times in the season, but have not played any of the teams from Area 2, and their actual strength is yet unknown.

The Elba Tigers will have the home-court advantage in their spacious gymnasium, and could also be a team to watch. The Tigers start only one senior, however, they have improved steadily over the year and recently claimed a win over 6A Enterprise.

The girls' tournament will begin on Tuesday night, Feb. 14, at 5:00, when Slocomb meets Houston

County. The second round will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, with Louisville meeting the Slocomb-Houston County winner at 6:00, and Laverne and Rehobeth tangle at 7:30.

The Louisville Lady Devils are the top-seed in the Girls' Division, and like the boys' team from Barbour County, is a heavy favorite to earn a berth in the regionals. Laverne and Rehobeth both have solid girls' teams and the winner of the match-up will earn a regional berth.

With a triple-header set for Tuesday, Feb. 14, and double-headers on both Thursday and Friday (Feb. 16-17), the Tiger gym will be the place to be for all area fans!

CLASS 3A SECTION 3  
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT  
BOYS' DIVISION  
At Elba High School

Rehobeth Feb. 14 6:30 Laverne	Feb. 17 6:00	Winner to Southeast Region at Troy State Feb. 22 7:00
Elba Feb. 14 8:00 Slocomb	Feb. 17 7:30	Winner to Southeast Region at Troy State Feb. 22 8:30
Louisville		
Houston County		

GIRLS' DIVISION  
At Elba High School

Slocomb Feb. 14 5:00 Houston County	Feb. 16 6:00	Winner to Southeast Region at Troy State Feb. 22 4:00
Elba		
Louisville		
Laverne Feb. 16 7:30 Rehobeth		Winner to Southeast Region at Troy State Feb. 22 5:30

## 1A teams put on traveling shoes for Section 3 event

South Alabama teams and their fans will be hitting the road next week for Montgomery when the Class 1A, Section 3, Basketball Tournament is held at St. Jude High School.

Seven of the tournament's nine teams are from South Alabama, however, St. Jude, the state's 4th ranked 1A club, earned the right to host the event with its lofty ranking and 20-plus wins, which means the road to Montgomery will be crowded with buses and cars as players and fans head to the Capitol City.

The tournament will begin on Saturday, Feb. 11, when the Montgomery County Eagles and Arton Purple Cats tangle in a rare 100 tip-off.

The action will be practically non-stop on Tuesday, Feb. 14, with four games on tap at the Pirate gym. The opening game will be at 4:00, when the Houston Academy Raiders and Coffee Springs Golden Bears renew their rivalry, to be followed at 5:30 with the battle between the G.W. Long Rebels and the winner of the Montgomery County-Arton clash. At 7:00, it will be an all Coffee County show as the New Brockton Gamecocks meet the Zion Chapel Rebels, and in the nightcap, at 8:30, the host St. Jude Pirates will challenge the Kinston Bulldogs.

The semifinals will be held on Friday, Feb. 17, with games at 6:00 and 7:30, and the winners of the semifinals will both advance to the Southeast Regionals, at Troy State.

G.W. Long actually drew the top-seed in the tourney and is ranked in the Top 10 in the state in

1A circles; however, the Rebels passed on hosting the event, sending it to Montgomery.

The top-seeded Rebels will be a team to watch in the tournament, as will St. Jude, Houston Academy and New Brockton, all of which are more than capable of winning the event and heading on to the Regionals. If everything goes as expected, G.W. Long and Houston Academy will meet for one regional berth, while New Brockton and St. Jude could meet in the other match-up.

This tournament could be the most competitive and exciting of the three involving local teams, but unfortunately, will be held too far away for many fans to see.

The Class 1A, Section 3, Girls' Division will be held at Houston Academy, and should also be a highly competitive affair.

The tourney will begin on Monday, Feb. 13, with four games on tap. The opener will begin at 2:30 with the match-up between St. Jude and Montgomery County, to be followed at 4:00 with the battle between long time rivals Arton and Zion Chapel. At 5:30, G.W. Long and Kinston will take to the court, and in the nightcap, set for 7:00, top-seeded Houston Academy will host Coffee Springs.

Top-seeded Houston Academy has to be a clear favorite to advance, while nothing is known about #2 seed Montgomery County, making the bottom of the bracket anybody's guess.

The Girls' Division appears to be an evenly-matched affair, and should be fun to watch.

## Brantley is heavy favorite in Class 2A, Section 2

The Class 2A, Section 2, Boys' Tournament will be held in Red Level and should resemble a family reunion as old rivals are in both rounds.

The tournament will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4:00, when the top-seeded Brantley Bulldogs will hit the court against the winless Highland Home Flying Squadron. At 5:30, the Straughn Tigers and Florala Wildcats will tangle for a berth in the semi's, to be followed at 7:00 with the matchup between the Goshen Eagles and the Georgiana Panthers. The night's final game will tip-off at 8:30, when the host Red Level Tigers will meet the second-seeded Samson Tigers.

The semifinals are set for Friday, Feb. 17, at 6:00 and 7:30, with both Friday night winners moving on to the Southwest Regionals, in Bay Minette.

The Brantley Bulldogs have looked like a team on a mission

since the Christmas holidays and have moved up to the #2 ranking in the 2A polls. The Bulldogs have improved almost nightly and are a heavy favorite to advance.

The Samson Tigers have the #2 seed and have enjoyed another banner season; however, the Goshen Eagles are in the same bracket with the Tigers, and have the talent to knock off any team on any given night.

Brantley gave up its right to host this tournament, but will likely give up nothing else in this interesting event.

The Section 2 Girls' Tournament will be held at Straughn and will feature seven teams, with the top two claiming a spot in the Southwest Regionals, set for Bay Minette.

The tourney will begin on Monday, Feb. 13, with a triple-header, started off at 4:30 with the contest between Highland Home and Red Level. The 6:00 game will find Florala going up against Goshen, while

at 7:30, it will be Georgiana tangle with Samson. The semifinals, set for Thursday, Feb. 16, will find the top-seeded Straughn Lady Tigers meeting the Highland Home-Red Level winner at 6:30, to be preceded by the other semifinals match-up.

Straughn is the favorite in the event, however, Samson and Georgiana are both solid squads, and this tourney should be a good one to watch.

Enterprise State Junior College offers Lifeguard Training, the American Red Cross course to prepare persons for lifeguarding jobs. Interested persons must also be certified in CPR and First Aid in order to receive the Red Cross certification. Participants must also be 15 years old and must complete a swimming test. The course is scheduled for 6:00-9:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, February 13-24. A textbook costing approximately \$10 must also be purchased at the first class. There is a \$40.00 charge for this course and the registration deadline is February 6. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 218.

Red Cross lifeguarding course set at ESJC

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## Elba's Bo Boyd signs football pact with TSU

Elba's Bo Boyd wasted no time making his future football plans known last week as he signed a scholarship with Troy State University at 10:30 a.m., last Tuesday morning, the first day high school athletes could officially sign with colleges across the nation.

Boyd, a 6-3, 260-pound, offensive lineman, has been recruited by Troy State, Southern Mississippi, Jacksonville State and Samford, but made it official with his signing with the 1-AA Trojans.

"Troy State had been recruiting me for quite some time," stated Boyd, "while both Southern Miss and Jacksonville State had also shown a lot of interest. Samford came in kind of late, and after some thought it was clear that Troy State was really where I wanted to go."

"Troy State has proven over the years that it is dedicated to having a first class athletic program," added Boyd, "and its success in football has been constant for many years. I look forward to becoming a part of the Troy State program and hope to

play a role in its success in years to come."

Boyd was a three-year starter for Elba's Coach Mack Wood and helped lead the Tigers to the state championship in 1992, and quarter final round in both 1993 and 1994.

"Bo is one of the best offensive linemen we've had at Elba since I've been here," said Coach Wood. "He has the quickness and strength needed to be successful in the offensive line, and I feel he is in the mold of Troy Sanders, who played here and then started at Florida State. Bo may be a little quicker than Troy, however, and there is no doubt in my mind that Bo is a true Division 1 football player. Troy State got a major college player in college, but Bo is an outstanding run blocker and he'll catch on real quick and do a great job at Troy State."

As the recruiting war heated up for the talented Elba athlete, Boyd, Bo's father, said he stayed out of the process and simply gave his son encouragement.

"My wife and I both told Bo from the start that if he wanted to play college football he should give it a try," said Mr. Boyd. "We never tried to influence Bo one way or

the other about where to go. We just assured him that whatever decision he made we would support him and back him all the way."

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"TROY STATE...is dedicated to having a first class program."

Elba signee Bo Boyd

## Elba Tigers honored at football awards banquet

The student-athletes that participated in football and cheerleading during the 1994 football season at Elba High School were honored last Monday night with the 1994 Football Awards Banquet.

The annual event was held at the Elba High School cafeteria and attended by coaches, players, cheerleaders, parents and fans.

Elba Athletic Club president Larry Grantham welcomed the large gathering for coming to the event and for their support of the football program at Elba High School, and after Rev. W.L. Peterson led the group with the invocation, everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by the Elba High School cafeteria staff.

Grantham was next to address the group, and presented a financial report on the Athletic Club. He stated the club had an income of \$7,800 from Black and Gold memberships and made a profit of \$1,462 from its sale of Boston butts. He reported the club was \$835 short of funds to meet its goal for the 1994-95 year, but said the goal would be met with additional fund raising events.

The varsity cheerleaders presented a slide show featuring the football team, cheerleaders and band, with all pictures taken during the 1994 football season.

Varsity cheerleader sponsor Susan Barnes presented glass plaques to the members of the squad, including seniors Elena Strong (Captain) and Cary Clark; juniors Anna Stokes (Co-Captain), Emily Crowe, Keli Tindol, Destiny Brown, Jill Martin and Angie Parrish; sophomores Melissa Benbow and Chastity Williams; and freshman Leigh Kelley.

The cheerleaders then gave Mrs. Barnes a gift for her dedication to the squad.

Head Coach Mack Wood stated "In my many years at Elba High School I have never been around any group of cheerleaders that worked harder than this group. They play a big part in our program and everything they do is greatly appreciated by the coaches and players."

Coach David Lowery stated "I appreciate the effort the entire team gave this season," and then presented plaques to the defensive ends and linebackers.

Coach Bill Rayburn praised the members of the 1994 team for their dedication, and presented plaques to the defensive linemen.

Coach Danny Weeks also spoke of his appreciation to the team for the hard work it did and the manner in which it overcame a slow start to make the playoffs, and presented plaques to the offensive linemen and receivers.

Coach Mack Wood said "I honestly believe that the youngsters that play at Elba get a chance to learn much more about football than do players at larger schools. We have to teach all the players several different positions and they learn much more about what the game really is than those players that only play one position their entire career."

Before presenting plaques to the seniors on the football team, Coach Wood stated "I didn't realize until recently, and I think a lot of people realize, that this year's seniors participated in three playoffs, were part of a state championship team in 1992 and part of a team that reached the quarterfinals in both 1993 and 1994. Not many seniors in the state were part of a team that won nine playoff games, and these seniors are to be commended."

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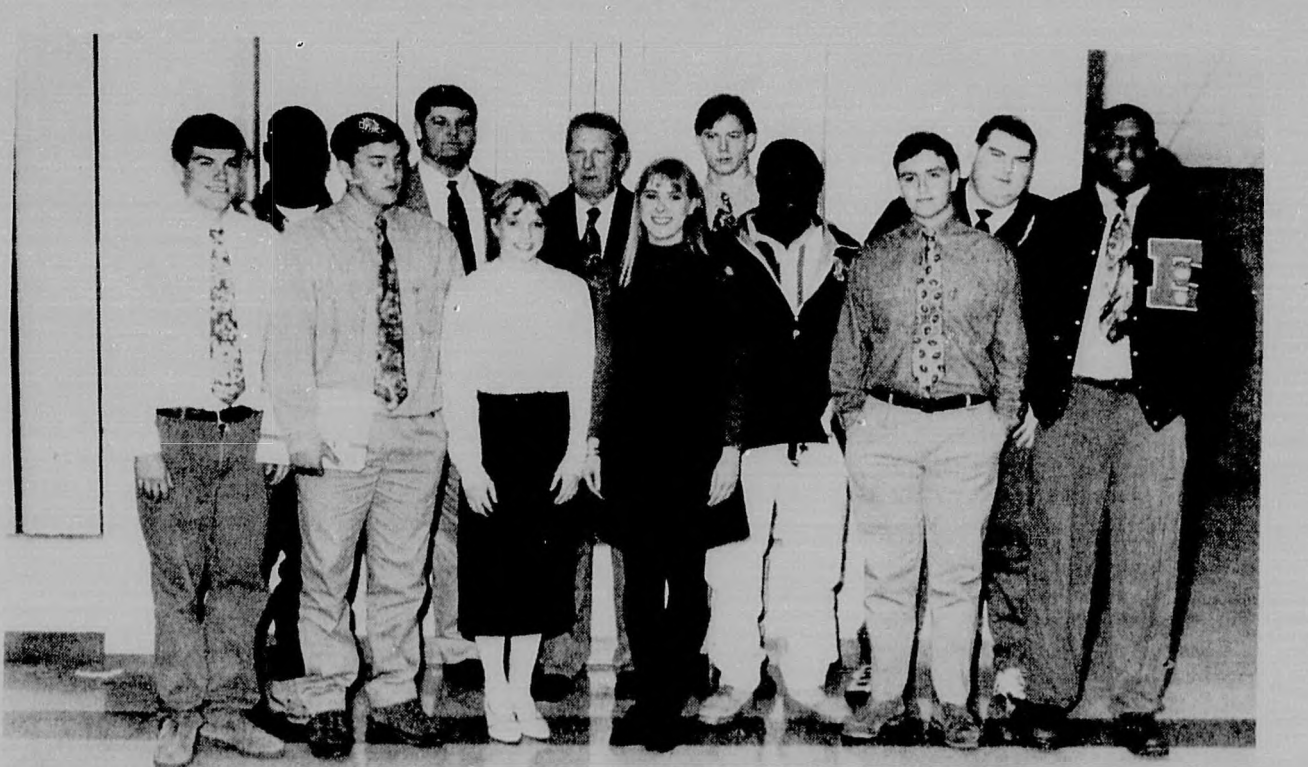
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1994 ELBA TIGER TEAM CAPTAINS...Elba Tiger Head Coach Mack Wood announced that three permanent captains had been selected for the 1994 season. Pictured are (l-r) Detrick Kyles, Bo Boyd, Coach Wood and Demaris "Mot" Barnes.



1994-95 SENIOR ATHLETES...involved in football and cheerleading included (l-r) Michael Vines, Detrick Kyles, Chris Hudson, Bo Boyd, Cary Clark, Head Coach Mack Wood, Elena Strong, Che Vaughan, Demaris Barnes, Ramey Bryan, Joey Grogg and Cory Howe.



1994-95 ELBA TIGER CHEERLEADERS...honored at the banquet were (l-r) Emily Crowe, Anna Stokes, Melissa Benbow, Angie Parrish, Chastity Williams, Keli Tindol, Athletic Director Mack Wood, Destiny Brown, Jill Martin, Elena Strong, Cary Clark and Sponsor Susan Barnes.

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## Wetlands alert

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The bottom line for farmers is that options for wetlands are limited. If a wetland is converted, altered, or destroyed for purposes of planting a crop, it could mean costly restoration to its original condition for a USDA program participant to regain eligibility for USDA program benefits.

Angela Hughes, County Agent

## Making Bathrooms safe for older people

If you're remodeling a bathroom or building a new house, be sure to provide for the needs of physically limited people. The bathroom is essential for everyone, especially the ill or elderly, but most bathrooms are designed for healthy users who can move without difficulty.

Unfortunately, when anyone is ill or physically impaired—even for a short period—they often become aware of the inadequacy of the bathroom. Even newly constructed bathrooms may not include features to make life safer and more convenient. Consider these factors if you're remodeling or building new.

Doors should provide at least 32 inches of clearance to allow wheelchair access. They also should open to the outside. If someone falls in a bathroom they may block the door standing positions.

A shower with a built-in seat or a stool with nonskid tops is easier and safer for the physically impaired to use than a bathtub.

A single faucet for both hot and cold water helps ensure against scalding. It also leaves bathers with a hand free to hold onto a grab bar if needed.

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#156 - 78.6 AC near Danley's X-Roads. Great property for development.

#157 - 2BR - 2 Bath home on Plant Street. \$35,000.

#158 - 1 AC - 3/2 brick home \$42,500.

#159 - 20 AC woodlands w/creek \$20,000.

#161 - 3/2 Fir & Stone - By-Pass 203 - 1/2 Ac - Screened Porch - Fenced back yard. \$62,000

#165 - Kinston - Double wide Mobile home on big lot \$29,000.

#166 - Gantt - Newly constructed Cypress home w/3000+ sq. ft. 5 BR, 4 1/2 baths. This is a beauty!

#168 - Luverne - Poultry farm - 45 +/- AC - 4 - 36 X 336 poultry houses - pond - pool - double wide mobile home - Let this farm pay for itself!

#112 - 4BR, 2 1/2 Bath - 2 lots - Price reduced - \$58,000. Great Buy!

#113 - Fixer Upper - 3 BR - 3 Baths - large lot \$24,000.

#117 - 2 BR - 1 Bath starter home \$15,000.

#136 - Country Home - 4/2 - Recently remodeled 6 AC - \$69,500.

#141 - Hwy 87S - 7 AC - 3/2 - Pool-Sun Room, pecan trees - Price Reduced \$69,900.

#142 - Poultry Farm in Luverne. 42 AC - 2 Tunnel Vent Poultry houses. 3,000 sq. ft. barn - \$250,000.

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#168 - 864 Washington - Large home - 4/2. \$38,500.

#169 - New listing - Kinston Hwy. 1600 sq. ft. 3/2. \$55,000.

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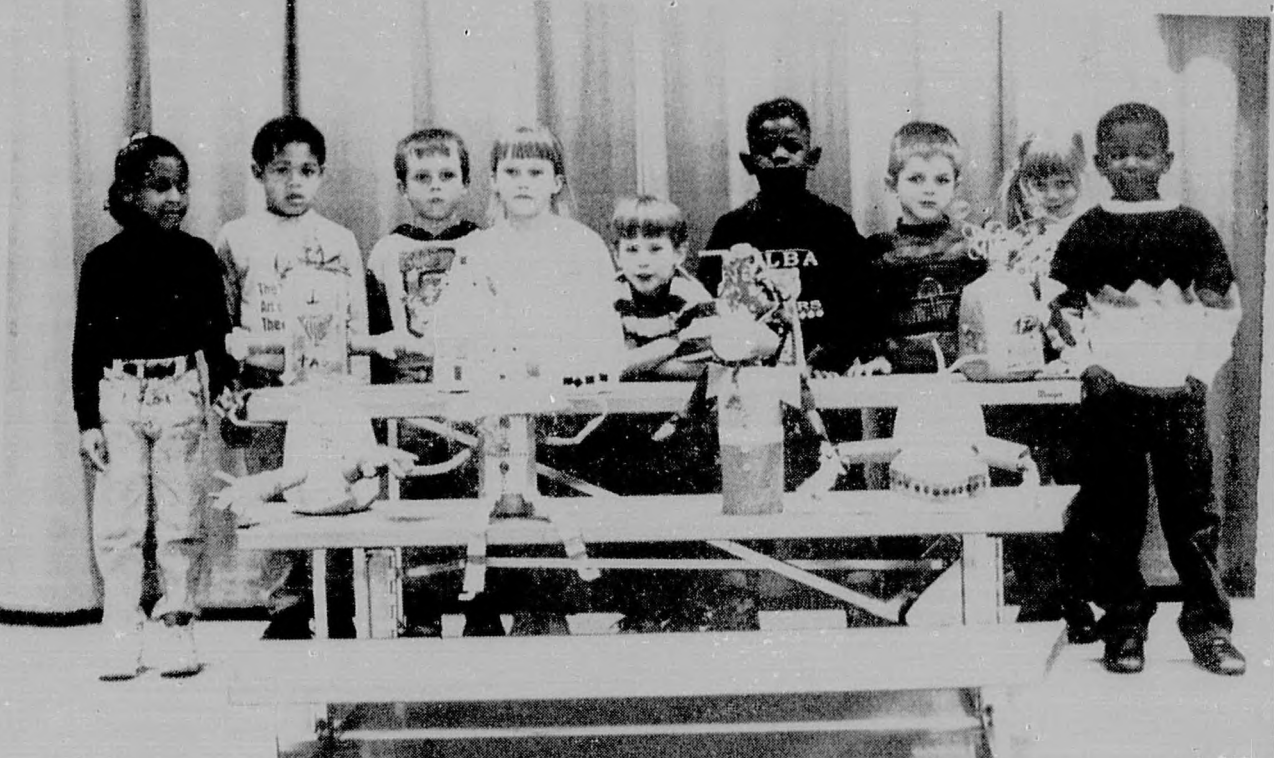
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ENTERPRISE STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE'S 1995 HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT WERE NAMED recently during annual homecoming festivities. Pictured left to right are Kecia Griffin of Brundidge and escort Bashir Phillips of Enterprise, Teresa Johnson of Ozark and escort Matt Stark of Ozark, Queen Tonisha Sconyers of Coffee Springs and escort Kevin Williams of Ozark, Robyn Rhoades of Elba and escort Corei Williams of Ozark, and Janet Simmons of Slocumb and escort Jeff Peacock of Enterprise.



Pictured above (1 to r) are Shannon Falls, Tierzah Yelverton, Victoria Shaw, Brian Blair, Katie Cash, Antwon Tills, Melanie Mulzar, and Rachelle Dixon. These creative students attend Elba Elementary School and really did a great job creating robots from rummage. The kindergarten students did this art activity to enhance their understanding of recycling materials when studying the letter and sound for "Mr. R" in reading. The students also wrote a story about robots. Each student felt their robot creations should go home with them at the end of the school day.



Pictured above (1 to r) are Miranda Williams, Travis Ward, Kevin Parks, Jennifer Barlow, Brandon Boutwell, Randall Caldwell, Chris Smith, Corney Senn, Albert Wilson. Not pictured is Johnathon Richardson and Justin Cooper. These creative students attend Elba Elementary School and really did a great job creating robots from rummage. The kindergarten students did this art activity to enhance their understanding of recycling materials when studying the letter and sound for "Mr. R" in reading. The students also wrote a story about robots. Each student felt their robot creations should go home with them at the end of the school day.

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### Richard Patcher, Associate County Agent Coffee County Cotton Production Meeting to be held

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We will be having an all day cotton production meeting at the Farm Center in New Brockton on Monday, February 13, starting at 10:00 a.m. The first part of the day we will discuss how to market your cotton and after lunch, how to grow your cotton. The speakers will be Jeff Thompson from the Autauga County Marketing Association, Littleton Carriers from Lobe Company in Montgomery, and Dr. Robert Goodman, Auburn University Cotton Economist. They will be speaking on cotton marketing. There will be a dinner sponsored by our area agribusiness dealers, chemical dealers, and cotton ginners. After dinner, the speakers will be Dr. Dale Monks, Auburn University Cotton Specialist; Dr. William Gazeaway, Auburn University Plant Pathologist; Dr. Mike Patterson, Auburn University Weed Specialist; Dr. Ron Smith, Cotton Entomologist; and a representative from the Boll Weevil Eradication Program discussing the Boll Weevil Reference.

This will be a valuable meeting for all of our cotton growers.

### Image Projection

On Thursday (today), February 9 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton 350 students from throughout the county will gather for a day of fashion, entertainment, and a look back at history. These students will be learning about historical costumes and their impact on image and environment. Dr. Pamela Ulrich from Auburn University will present a talk on historical clothing. Students from all county schools will be involved in a fashion show depicting fashion from 1920 through 1995.

### Coffee County Baptist Association News

A Valentine Quarterly Dinner/Singing at the Vineyard near Arton will be held February 11. Dinner will begin at 5:30, singing at 6:30. The event is sponsored by the Coffee Baptist Association Vineyard Committee. Solid Rock from Webb, AL, will be the featured singing group. Price is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12 years, under 6, free. Call 894-6411 for reservations by February 6.

### 4-H Meat Identification & Judging Team wins National Contest in Denver

Alabama's 4-H judging team, more specifically the team from Coffee County, Alabama won the judging team competition in Denver, Colorado. This competition is held each year as part of the National Western Livestock Show which is one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

Members of the team were Charles Bozeman, Elba; Cornelius Burrows, Reuben Moguel, and Mark Windham, all of New Brockton.

Individual awards out of 64 contestants were as follows: Charles Bozeman was 3rd high in Beef Judging, 4th high in Pork Judging, and 1st in Lamb Judging, 2nd high in Meat ID and 2nd high overall. Cornelius Burrows was 1st high in Pork Judging, 7th high in Lamb Judging, 8th high in Meat ID, and 7th high overall. Mark Windham was 17th in Beef Judging, 12th in Lamb Judging, 18th high in Meat ID, 18th high overall. Reuben Moguel was 20th in Beef Judging and 18th high in Pork Judging.

This is the second time in 4 years a team from Coffee County has won this competition in Denver. A team won this same award back in 1991.



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5. Other assets

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7. Deposits

8. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank

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**BIG TURNIP** Ned Young, right, and his niece's husband Simon Earl, show off a six pound Purple Top turnip pulled from their garden South of Kinston. Caton said after seeing pictures of several big turnips recently, they decided to show folks one from their crop... selected at random. "I feel we already gave the big 'uns to the boys," Caton added. Minister Ned Young smiled but didn't deny his partner's statement.

## NBCC

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(Linda Dillow) for any work done on the Community Development Block Grant. The board has applied for a grant to fund work on the town's sewer system. The town's consulting firm, Ewing Conner & Associates, had recommended that the clerk, if at all possible, should coordinate the grant should it be received.

\*\*\*Approved the purchase of a pick-up truck, at a cost of \$3,000 or less, to be used by recreation and street department personnel.

\*\*\*Approved the hiring of two street employees who had completed their 90 days probation.

\*\*\*Registration for participants in the baseball, softball, and t-ball program will be held Feb. 23rd in the New Brockton Elementary School Library at 7:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 per person.

## MEDIA

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There's a petting zoo for the young and old alike, farm tours, luncheons for the ladies, a job-swap involving individuals from the farm and business world.

Without the help of the media and corporate sponsors the success of the event each year would not be possible.

In 1993, Coffee County won the award for the Best Media Coverage in the entire state of Alabama.

The following sponsors were honored: ConAgra, Southland Farms, The National Security Group, Western Steer, Sav-U Foods, ALFA

Farmers Federation, Sessions Company, W. G. Mercer Livestock and The Peoples Bank.

Media honored for their coverage of the annual event included: *The Enterprise Ledger*, *The Elba Clipper*, *Southeast Sun*, *The Dothan Eagle*, *WZLZ/WELB*, *WKMX*, *US 100*, *WTVM*, and *WSFA*.

Special recognition was given to Gene Reagan, WTVM's farm consultant, who has, through the years, help promote this event, as well as many, many other agricultural events in the Wiregrass area.



Shown here, Coffee County participants in the 1995 Wiregrass Leadership Training Institute plan their county project during a retreat held recently at the Lake Camp. They are (from left to right) David Bailey, Stan Windham, Buddy Hall, Mart Gray (WLI alumni member), Mike Root, and Carley Palo-Dobazynski.

## Catastrophic crop insurance required with farm loans

Horace H. Horn, Jr., acting State Director of Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) (formerly Farmers Home Administration) in Alabama, announced that any producer who anticipates applying for a farm loan from USDA must obtain at least Catastrophic (CAT) crop insurance coverage on all crops of economic significance.

The coverage must be obtained before the sales closing date for the producer's particular crops.

The insurance requirement applies to both direct and guaranteed farm ownership, operating, or emergency loans administered by the former Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) offices, Rural Economic and Community Development.

This change is required by the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994.

The Act also authorized the reorganization of USDA, which combined the programs of the former ASCS and FmHA, under the newly created Consolidated Farm Services Agency (CFSA).

Horn emphasized that the sales closing date for fall and spring-seeded crops is February 28th. This date is crucial because once it passes and the loan applicant has insurance crops without CAT coverage, they will likely have to wait until the following crop year to be eligible for loan assistance.

Catastrophic crop insurance can be obtained through private reinsured companies as well as county CFSA offices.

Coverage beyond the Catastrophic level or "additional insurance" must be purchased through private agents.

CAT protection will compensate farmers for yield losses greater than 50 percent at a payment rate of 60 percent of the expected market price. This coverage is available on insurable crops for a \$50 processing fee with a cap of \$200 per farmer per county not to exceed \$600 per farm per crop.

Further information about the coverage can be obtained from any local crop insurance agent or the CFSA (formerly FmHA) office.

Questions regarding the loan requirement can be answered by the local RECD (formerly FmHA) office.

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COMMISSIONERS LOOKING AT FISH POND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS

## Coffee County Commission gives old jail to Elba

by Marvin McLwain

Editor

Quite some time ago, the Coffee County Commission voted to give the old Coffee County Jail, located in Elba, to the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society. In Monday's meeting, the commission rescinded that action and in a 4-3 vote agreed to present it (the jail) to the City of Elba.

Reportedly, the historical group had decided not to restore the old jail due to the lack of funds.

The more than eight-year-old jail was abandoned after the flood of March 1990 and a new modern one was built in New Brockton. Flood waters completely covered the bottom floor of the two-story facility and rose several feet into the second floor.

The old jail was the subject of numerous lawsuits in the '70s and '80s, most of them initiated by prisoners who complained that the conditions of the jail violated prisoners constitutional rights.

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Home Church. Pool noted that this is the third time that this particular pond had blown out, taking the road with it.

Pool suggested to the commission that it should seriously consider setting construction standards for fish ponds. At this time, the county has no regulations regarding the construction of ponds or lakes.

"We have an unusual situation in Coffee County," Pool said. "We have highly erodible soil, more erodible than any soil anywhere else in the state."

He said it's not fair for county taxpayers to have to foot the bill for repairing county roads washed out by privately owned fish ponds.

After Commissioner Black's suggestion that State Representative Garrett Moore and Senator Dwight Adams be contacted about sponsoring local legislation to set regulations for fish ponds in Coffee County, the matter was tabled.

In a 6 to 1 vote, commissioners agreed to amend the current subdivision regulations, as had been recommended by Pool.

Under terms of the amendment, subdivision developers can now build a private, unpaved road through their subdivision. They must post a sign and note on the plat and deed that the road is private and will not be maintained by the county.

Prior to the amendment, every subdivision developer had to build a road through the property according to county specifications which included paving, and deed the road to the county.

Both Stephens and Black expressed concern that the move may come back to haunt the commission.

They feel that after 10 or 20 families build homes in a subdivision with a dirt road, it will be just a matter of time before they will want the road paved.

"They'll put pressure on the commission and the commission will pave it," Black said.

Stephens cast the lone dissenting vote on the amendment.

Other matters acted on by the commission were as follows:

\*\*\*Agreed to a six month period of overtime for landfill employees.

\*\*\*Appointed Probate Judge Bill Gammill to the county grievance committee.

\*\*\*Approved the purchase of a scraper for the landfill at a cost of \$128,000.

\*\*\*Approved payroll deductions to Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union on behalf of county employees.

\*\*\*Approved a preliminary plat for Sandy Oaks Subdivision, which includes a paved road.

\*\*\*Approved a lieutenant's position for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

\*\*\*Reaffirmed millage rates for the county's ad valorem tax.

\*\*\*Agreed to let the county highway department make improvements at the arena located behind the farm center complex, including erecting barricades and spectator protection.

\*\*\*Recognized The Peoples Bank for lending to the county two paintings to be displayed in the Elba Courthouse.

(Editor's Note: Appreciation is given to Pattie Weiland, managing editor of the *Southeast Sun*, for contributing to this article.)



**VALENTINE FLOWERS** were the order of the day Tuesday as florists experienced the busiest day of the year delivering various arrangements to wives, husbands, girlfriends and those special friends.

Above Christie Crook poses with a bouquet of red roses that were delivered early Tuesday morning and drew admiring glances all day as they sat beside her *Elba Clipper* computer awaiting her arrival at work following her classes at Troy State University.

## Elba School Board braces for proration

by Farrin Cox

Publisher

The Elba City School Board was told last Thursday evening to expect 3% proration to be declared by Governor Fob James sometime within the next two months, probably in March.

Superintendent Charles Pearce estimated this would cost the Elba school system between \$96 and \$100 thousand dollars during the current year alone. He based his estimate on the fact the local system was scheduled to get about \$3,210,000 in state funds this year.

Proration can not be taken from salaries, etc., it must come from that small percentage of spending which includes supplies.

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## Voting district map for county redrawn

by Marvin McLwain

Editor

The controversial map that led to the voiding of Coffee County's 1992 commission primary election by Federal District Judge Myron Thompson has been redrawn but, according to Mark Pool, it's still not quite right.

In Monday's commission meeting, Pool pointed out that Gateway Drive is the wrong place for the census map and the census map is wrong!" said Pool.

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## U. S. Senator Shelby to host county-wide meeting in Enterprise

U.S. Senator Richard C. Shelby (R-Ala) will host an open, public, county-wide meeting in Enterprise, Ala. in the Enterprise City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, February 20, 1995 at 9:00 a.m.

As promised during his 1986 campaign for the U.S. Senate, Sen. Shelby hosts a county-wide meeting in each of the 67 counties in Alabama each year.

This year the focus of the Coffee County meeting will be the growing budget deficit which Sen. Shelby considers to be our nation's number one problem.

In addition, he will discuss other important issues of concern to Alabama and our nation and will take questions from those attending.

All area residents and interested media are invited and encouraged to attend this open, public meeting.

Additionally, members of Sen. Shelby's staff will be present to assist individuals with case work or difficulties they may have experienced in dealing with the federal government.

When the primary was re-held in September, 1992, all the candidates who won their primaries in the origi-



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